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Dear Sir:

A final office action dated May 21, 2003 (Paper No. 41) was received by Applicants for the above-referenced matter on May 27, 2003. Applicants filed an Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 on July 21, 2003, within two months of the final office action. There were no extension fees involved with the filing of this Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116.

An Advisory Action dated August 6, 2003 (Paper No. 44) was received by Applicants on August 11, 2003. Subsequently, an Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 was submitted on September 2, 2003 in response to the office action dated May 21, 2003 and Advisory Action.

Filed herewith is a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months and fee, thereby extending the deadline for the filing of the Notice of Appeal from September 21, 2003 to November 21, 2003. A one-month extension of time fee (\$55.00) was already submitted with the filing of the Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 dated September 2, 2003. The total extension fees due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$420.00 (\$475.00 for three-months extension minus the one-month extension (\$55.00) fee that has already been paid).

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In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 529642000200.

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